

# **City of Grand Island**

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 Council Session

## Item E-2

## Public Hearing on Zoning Change to Property located at 4720 East Seedling Mile Road, Grand Island, Nebraska from LLR Large Lot Residential to B2 General Business (Jose Ramirez)

Council action will take place under Ordinances item F-3.

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity

# **Council Agenda Memo**

From:	Regional Planning Commission
Meeting:	July 26, 2022
Subject:	Change of Zoning from LLR Large Lot Residential to B2 General Business
Presenter(s):	Chad Nabity AICP, Regional Planning Director

### **Background**

The owner of property immediately at the northwest corner of Seedling Mile Road and Gun Barrel Road (Jose Ramirez.) requested that the property be rezoned. Mr. Ramirez would like to renovate the Harmony Hall Building and use it as a reception hall/ballroom in a manner consistent with the historic uses of the property. He is requesting that the property be changed from LLR Large Lot Residential to B2 General Business to facilitate this change is use, The existing building has been vacant for more than 50 years.

## **Discussion**

At the regular meeting of the Regional Planning Commission, held July 6, 2022 the above item was considered following a public hearing.

O'Neill opened the public hearing.

Nabity stated the property consist of 3 lots that are currently zoned LLR Large Lot Residential. The adjacent properties are zoned Large Lot Residential Zone or Transitional Agriculture Zone. Nabity stated 2 letters were received to protest against the proposed rezoning change. The letter from Greg Erwin was included in the packet. A copy of the letter received from Travis and Alicia Wicht to protest against the proposed rezoning change was entered into the record. Nabity stated the proposed rezoning request is not consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and staff is recommending the request be denied.

*Jose Ramirez* – stated he would like to restore the building into a ballroom.

Ruge stated when Harmony Hall was originally built there was nothing out in the country and that's why the dancehall was done. Today there are a lot of homes in the area and the Comprehensive Plan does not call for it to be zoned commercial. Ruge said he would not be in favor.

*Greg Erwin* – 454 N. *Gunbarrel Rd* - *Grand Island, NE* - Mr. Erwin stated he is opposed to the proposed rezoning request. Mr. Erwin lives right across the street

from Harmony Hall. Mr Erwin said before purchasing his property 3 years ago he checked the zoning in the area to make sure nothing like this would happen.

Nabity went on to expand on why staff recommends the request to be denied. Nabity stated this would be considered spot zoning, there is no B2 in the area, and it is not consistent with the comprehensive plan. There is no sewer available. The septic system would work well for a house. The proposed uses would not fit well without municipal sewer service.

O'Neill closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Ruge and second by Rainforth to recommend City Council deny the application for the proposed rezoning request finding that it is not compatible with the surrounding uses, is not supported by the Grand Island Future Land Use Map and would appear to be spot zoning.

The motion was carried with eight members voting in favor (O'Neill, Ruge, Olson, Robb, Monter, Rainforth, Rubio and Randone) and no members voting no or abstaining.

The memo sent to the planning commission with staff recommendation is attached for review by Council. Also included are the images Mr. Ramirez provided for the Planning Commission meeting and copies of correspondence received by the planning department in regard to this application.

### Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

- 1. Approve the comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning request as presented
- 2. Modify the comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning request to meet the wishes of the Council
- 3. Postpone the issue

#### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council deny the proposed changes as requested.

#### **Sample Motion**

Move to deny the ordinance as presented finding that the proposed changes would not be in conformance with the future land use map for the City of Grand Island, would not be compatible with the surrounding residential development and could be considered spot zoning.

#### Agenda Item # 5

PLANNING DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION TO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: June 28, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Zoning Change (C-32-22GI)

**PROPOSAL:** This application includes lots 1, 2 and 3 of Schaaf's Second Subdivision 4720 Seedling Mile Road at the northwest corner of Gunbarrel Road and Seedling Mile road (Harmony Hall). The property is located within the two-mile extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction of the City of Grand Island.

The applicant is requesting to change the zoning this property from LLR Large Lot Residential Zone to B-2 General Business.

OVERVIEW:	
<u>Site Analysis</u> Current zoning designation:	LLR: Large Lot Residential.
Intent of zoning district	<b>LLR:</b> To provide for a transition from rural to urban uses, and is generally located on the fringe of the urban area. This zoning district permits residential dwellings at a maximum density of two dwelling units per acre, as well as other open space and recreational activities.
Permitted and conditional uses:	<b>LLR:</b> Agricultural uses, recreational uses, transitional uses such as: greenhouses and veterinary clinics and residential uses at a density of 1 unit per 20,000 square feet.
Future Land Use Map Designation:	<b>LM</b> The Low to Medium Residential land use would encompass residential uses with a density up to 15 dwelling units per acre. City services such as water and sewer should be provided in areas where densities exceed one dwelling unit per acre.
Existing land uses.	Vacant lots and vacant building
Adjacent Properties Analysis Current zoning designations:	East, West North: LLR Large Lot Residential Zone South: TA-Transitional Agriculture Zone,
Intent of zoning district:	<b>LLR:</b> To provide for a transition from rural to urban uses, and is generally located on the fringe of the urban area. This zoning district permits residential dwellings at a maximum density of two dwelling units per acre, as well as other open space and recreational activities.

	<b>TA:</b> The intent of this zoning district is to provide for a transition from rural to urban uses, and is generally located on the fringe of the urban area. This zoning district permits both farm and non-farm dwellings as well as other open space and recreational activities. The intent of the zoning district also would allow the limited raising livestock within certain density requirements.
Permitted and conditional uses:	<ul> <li>TA: Agricultural uses, recreational uses and residential uses at a density at a density of 1 unit per 20 acres. Limited animal agriculture.</li> <li>LLR: Agricultural uses, recreational uses, transitional uses such as: greenhouses and veterinary clinics and residential uses at a density of 1 unit per 20,000 square feet.</li> </ul>
Comprehensive Plan Designation:	North, South, West: Designated for future low to medium density residential development. East: Transitional Agriculture.
Existing land uses:	East: Large Lot Residential North: Vacant and Large Lot Residential. South and West: Acreage Residential

#### VALUATION:

#### Positive Implications:

• Would allow for the restoration of Harmony Hall as a reception hall. This is an historic structure that has not been maintained. It is has been vacant for decades. Rezoning would allow the former use to be restored.

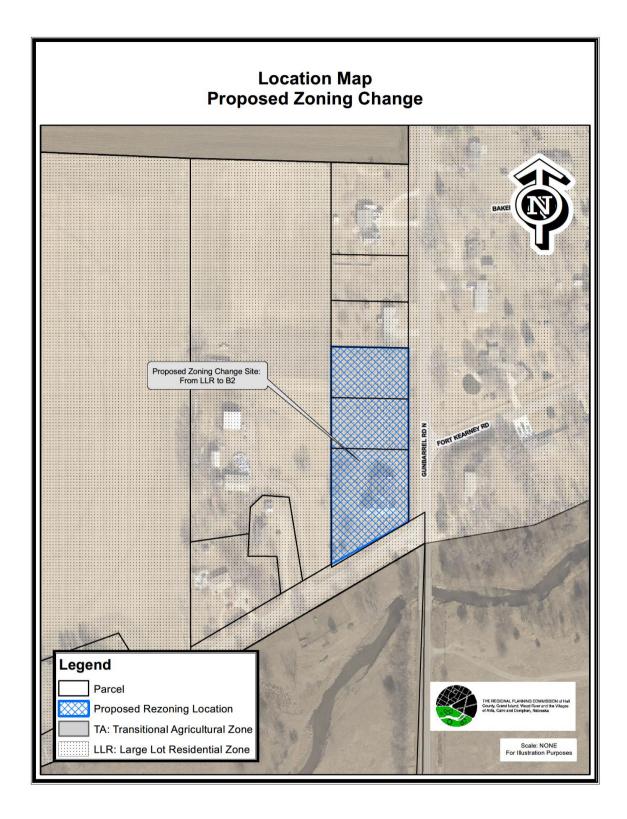
#### Negative Implications:

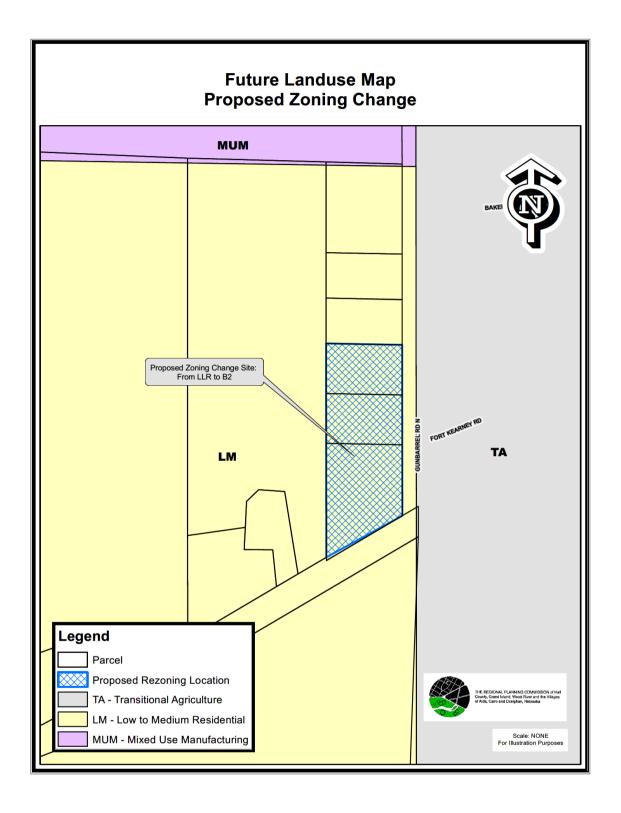
- Uses other than those proposed are allowed in the B-2 zoning district: Potential uses for the site would include a convenience store, night club/bar, restaurant, and strip commercial. A copy of the uses allowed in the B-2 Zoning District is attached.
- Lack of municipal infrastructure: Sewer is not available to this property. Changing the zoning on this property at this point would likely encourage additional development in this area prior to the development of such municipal infrastructure. The proposed uses would not fit here well without municipal sewer service.
- Not consistent with the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan: The subject property is designated for long-term for low to medium
- Spot Zoning: This could be challenged as spot zoning since it is not consistent with the comprehensive plan and applies to only a few properties for the benefit of one owner.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Regional Planning Commission recommend that the Grand Island City Council <u>**not**</u> change the zoning on this site from LLR Large Lot Residential to B-2 General Business.

\_\_ Chad Nabity AICP, Planning Director





#### §36-68. (B-2) General Business Zone

*Intent*: The intent of this zoning district is to provide for the service, retail and wholesale needs of the general community. This zoning district will contain uses that have users and traffic from all areas of the community and trade areas, and therefore will have close proximity to the major traffic corridors of the City. Residential uses are permitted at the density of the (R-4) High Density Residential Zoning District.

(A) <u>Permitted Principal Uses</u>: The following principal uses are permitted in the (B-2) General Business Zoning District.

(1) Stores and shops that conduct retail business, provided, all activities and display goods are carried on within an enclosed building except that green plants and shrubs may be displayed in the open, as per the Zoning Matrix [Attachment A hereto]

(2) Office and office buildings for professional and personal service as found in the Zoning Matrix [Attachment A hereto]

(3) Agencies as found in the Zoning Matrix [Attachment A hereto]

(4) Dwelling units

(5) Board and lodging houses, fraternity and sorority houses

(6) Truck, bush and tree farming, provided, there is no display or sale at retail of such products on the premises

(7) Public parks and recreational areas

(8) Country clubs

(9) Public, parochial and private schools having a curriculum equivalent to an elementary or higher educational level

(10) Colleges offering courses of general instruction, including convents, monasteries, dormitories, and other related living structures when located on the same site as the college

(11) Churches, synagogues, chapels, and similar places of religious worship and instruction of a quiet nature

(12) Utility substations necessary to the functioning of the utility, but not including general business offices, maintenance facilities and other general system facilities, when located according to the yard space rules set forth in this section for dwellings and having a landscaped or masonry barrier on all sides. Buildings shall be of such exterior design as to harmonize with nearby properties

(13) Public and quasi-public buildings for cultural use

(14) Railway right-of-way but not including railway yards or facilities

(15) Nonprofit community buildings and social welfare establishments

(16) Hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent or rest homes

(17) Radio and television stations (no antennae), private clubs and meeting halls

(18) Vocational or trade schools, business colleges, art and music schools and conservatories, and other similar use

(19) Preschools, nursery schools, day care centers, children's homes, and similar facilities

(20) Group Care Home with less than eight (8) individuals

(21) Elderly Home, Assisted Living

(22) Stores and shops for the conduct of wholesale business, including sale of used merchandise

(23) Outdoor sales and rental lots for new and used automobiles, boats, motor vehicles, trailers, manufactured homes, farm and construction machinery, etc.

(24) Specific uses such as: archery range, billboards, drive-in theater, golf driving range, storage yard (no junk, salvage or wrecking)

(25) Manufacture, fabrication or assembly uses incidental to wholesale or retail sales wherein not more than 20% of the floor area is used

(26) Parking Lots

(27) Other uses as indicated in the Zoning Matrix [Attachment A hereto]

(B) <u>Conditional Uses</u>: The following uses are subject to any conditions listed in this chapter and are subject to other conditions relating to the placement of said use on a specific tract of ground in the (B-2) General Business Zoning District as approved by City Council.

(1) Recycling business

(2) Towers

(3) Other uses as indicated in the Zoning Matrix [Attachment A hereto]

(C) Permitted Accessory Uses:

(1) Building and uses accessory to the permitted principal use.

(D) Space Limitations:

Uses			Minimum Setbacks					
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	Minimum Parcel Area (feet)	Minimum Lot Width (feet)	Front Yard (feet)	Rear Yard (feet)	Side Yard (feet)	Street Side Yard (feet)	Maximum Ground Coverage	Maximum Building Height (feet)
Permitted Uses	3,000	30	10	$0^1$	0 <sup>2</sup>	10	100%	55
Conditional Uses	3,000	30	10	$0^1$	0 <sup>2</sup>	10	100%	55

<sup>1</sup> No rear yard setback is required if bounded by an alley, otherwise a setback of 10 feet is required.

 $^{2}$  No side yard setback is required, but if provided, not less than five feet, or unless adjacent to a parcel whose zone requires a side yard setback, then five feet. When adjacent to a public alley, the setback is optional and may range from 0 feet to 5 feet.

(E) Miscellaneous Provisions:

(1) Supplementary regulations shall be complied with as defined herein

(2) Only one principal building shall be permitted on one zoning lot except as otherwise provided herein.

Abstracting services Accounting & bookkeeping services Advertising services, direct mail Advertising services, general Agricultural, business and personal credit services including credit union Agricultural chemical & fertilizers wholesale Agricultural fertilizers, hazardous & non hazardous - retail Agricultural operations Air conditioning, heating & plumbing contracting services Alteration, pressing & garment repair services Ambulance services Animal hospital services Antiques - retail Apparel & accessories - retail Appliances (household) - retail Appliance repair services Architectural, engineering & planning - professional services Arenas & fieldhouses Armateur rewinding services Armed forces reserve center Art galleries, publicly owned Artists - painters, sculptors, composers, & authors Athletic field or playfield Auditing, accounting & bookkeeping services Auditoriums, public Automobile & other motor vehicle repair services Automobile & other motor vehicles retail Automobile & truck rental services Automobile equipment - wholesale Automobile parts & supplies - retail Automobile wash services Bait shops Bakeries non-manufacturing - retail Banking services Barber services Batch Plants - temporary Beauty services Bed and breakfast residence Beer, wine & alcoholic beverages wholesale Bicycles - retail Blueprinting & photocopying services Boarding & rooming houses Boat sales, service and rentals, Bookkeeping, auditing & accounting services Books, magazines & newspapers distributing - wholesale Books - publishing & printing Books - retail Bottled gas - retail Bowling alleys Building materials - retail Building materials & lumber wholesale Business & management consulting services Business offices not elsewhere listed

Butter - manufacturing Cable TV maintenance yard Cameras & photographic supplies retail Camp grounds, general Camp grounds, group Candy, nut, & confectionery - retail Carpentry & wood flooring services Carpet & rug cleaning & repair service Charitable & welfare services Chiropractors, optometrists, & other similar health services Churches, synagogues & temples Civic, social & fraternal associations Clock, watch & jewelry repair services Commercial & industrial machinery, equipment & supplies - wholesale Commodity & securities brokers, dealers & exchanges & services Confectionery, nut & candy - retail Construction & lumber materials wholesale Construction services - temporary Convalescent,, nursing & rest home services Convents Convenience store Country club Credit reporting, adjustment & collection services Credit unions & agricultural, business & personal credit services Crematory, funeral & mortuary services Curtains, draperies & upholstery retail Dairy products - retail Dairy products - wholesale Day care centers Dental laboratory services Dental services Department stores - retail Detective & protective services Direct mail advertising services Direct selling organizations - retail Discount & variety stores - retail Disinfecting & exterminating services Dormitories, college Draperies, curtains & upholstery retail Drug & proprietary - retail Dry cleaning & laundering, self service Dry cleaning, laundering & dyeing services, except rugs Dry goods & general merchandise retail Dry goods & notions - wholesale Duplicating, mailing, & stenographic services Dwelling, multi-family Dwelling, single-family Dwelling, two-family Dyeing, dry cleaning & laundry services, except rugs Egg & poultry - retail

Electrical apparatus & equipment, wiring supplies, & construction materials - wholesale Electrical contractor services Electrical appliances, phonographs, televisions, tape players & radio sets - wholesale Electrical repair services, except radio & television Electrical supplies - retail Electricity regulating substations Employment services Engineering, planning architectural professional services Equipment & supplies for service establishments - wholesale Equipment rental & leasing services Exhibition halls Exterminating Fairgrounds Farm machinery & equipment - retail Farm products warehousing & storage excluding stockyards nonhazardous Farm supplies - retail Farms, commercial forestry Farms, grain crops Farms, hay & alfalfa Farms, fiber crops Farms, fruits, nuts or vegetables Farms, nursery stock Feeds, grains & hay - retail Fertilizers, agricultural nonhazardous - retail Fieldhouses & arenas Fire protection & related activities Fish & seafood's - retail Fish & seafood's - wholesale Floor covering - retail Florists - retail Food lockers & storage services Fraternal, civic & social associations Fraternity & sorority houses Fruits & vegetables (fresh) wholesale Fruits & vegetables - retail Fuel, except fuel oil & bottled gas retail Fuel oil - retail Funeral, mortuary & crematory services Fur repair & storage services Furniture & home furnishings wholesale Furniture - retail Furniture repair & reupholstery services Furies & fur apparel - retail Garden supplies & landscape nursery - retail Garment repair, alteration & pressing services Gasoline service stations - retail General stores - retail Gifts, novelties & souvenirs - retail Glass, paint & wallpaper - retail Grains, feeds & hay - retail Green houses Groceries - retail

Group care home Gymnasiums & athletic clubs Hardware - retail Hardware - wholesale Hay, grains & feeds - retail Health resorts Health & exercise spas Hearing aids, optical goods, orthopedic appliances & other similar devices - retail Heating, air conditioning & plumbing contracting services Heating & plumbing equipment & supplies - retail Hobby supplies - retail Holding & investment services Hospital services Hotels, tourist courts, & motels Household appliances - retail Ice - retail Ice skating rinks, indoor Insurance agents & brokers services Insurance carriers Internet service Investment & holding services Janitorial services Jewelry - retail Jewelry, watch & clock repair services Labor unions & similar labor organizations Landscape contracting services Landscape nursery & garden supplies - retail Lapidary work Laundering & dry cleaning, selfservice Laundering, dry cleaning & dyeing services, except rugs Lawn care - services Legal services Libraries Liquor - retail Locksmith services Lumber & building materials wholesale Lumber yards - retail Magazines & newspapers - retail Mailing, duplicating, & stenographic services Management & business consulting services Masonry, stonework, tile setting & plastering services Massage services Meat & meat packing products wholesale Meats - retail Medical clinics, out-patient services Medical laboratory services Miniature golf Manufactured homes on permanent foundation Mobile homes & accessories - retail Monasteries Monuments - retail Motels, hotels, & tourist courts Motorcycle & bicycle sales, rental & service

Mortuary, funeral & crematory services Museums Musical instruments & supplies retail Newspaper & magazines - retail Newspapers, books & magazines distribution - wholesale Newspapers publishing & printing News syndicate services Notions, dry goods - wholesale Novelties, gifts & souvenirs - reail Nursery stock farms Nursing, convalescent & rest home services Optical goods, hearing aids, orthopedic appliances & other similar devices - retail Optometrists, chiropractors & other similar health services Orphanages Paint, glass, & wallpaper - retail Painting & paper hanging services Paper & paper products - wholesale Paper hanging & painting services Parks, public Periodicals, publishing & printing Petroleum pipeline R/W Pets & pet grooming - retail Photocopying & blue printing services Photoengraving Photofinishing services Photographic studios & services Photographic supplies & cameras retail Physicians' services Planetarium Planning, architectural & engineering professional services Plastering, masonry, stone work & tile setting services Playfields & athletic fields Playgrounds Play lot or tot lot Plumbing & heating equipment & supplies - retail Plumbing, heating, & air conditioning contracting services Poultry & small game dressing & packing Pressing, alteration & garment repair services Printing, commercial Printing & publishing of newspapers Printing & publishing of periodicals Private clubs Professional equipment & supplies wholesale Professional membership organizations Professional offices not elsewhere listed Quarrying, gravel, sand & dirt Quarrying, stone Race tracks & courses - animals Radio broadcasting studios Radios, televisions, phonographs, recorders, & tape players repair services

Radios, televisions, phonographs, recorders & tape players - retail Radio transmitting stations & towers Railroad right-of-way Real estate agents, brokers & management services Recreational vehicles & equipment retail Recreation centers Rectories Refrigerated warehousing (except food lockers) Resorts (general) Rest, nursing, & convalescent home services Restaurants Restaurants, drive-in Retirement homes Reupholstery & furniture repair services Roller skating rinks - indoor Roofing & sheet metal contracting services Rooming & boarding houses Rug & carpet cleaning & repair services Sausages & other prepared meat products - manufacturing Savings & loan associations Schools, art Schools, barber Schools, beauty Schools, business Schools, colleges Schools, computer Schools, correspondence Schools, dancing Schools, day care Schools, driving Schools, junior college Schools, music Schools, nursery Schools, pre-primary Schools, primary Schools, professional Schools, secondary Schools, stenographic Schools, technical Schools, trade Schools, universities Schools, vocational Scientific & educational research services Second hand merchandise - retail Seed and feed sales Sheet metal & roofing contracting services Shoe repair, shoe shining, & hat cleaning services Shoes - retail Shoes - wholesale Social, civic & fraternal associations Social correctional, treatment & counseling services Sorority & fraternity houses Souvenirs, gifts, novelties - retail Sporting goods - retail Stadiums Stationery - retail

- Stenographic, duplicating, & mailing services Stone work, masonry, title setting, & plastering services Storage - mini Storage & warehousing of nonhazardous products Storage & warehousing of household goods Swimming clubs Synagogues, churches, & temples Tailoring (custom) Taverns Taxcicab dispatch Telegraph communications Telephone business office Telephone exchange stations Telephone maintenance yard Telephone relay towers (microwave) Television broadcasting studios
- Television, radios, phonographs, recorders & tape players repair services Television, radios, phonographs, recorders, & tape players - retail Television transmitting stations & relay towers Temples, churches, & synagogues Tennis clubs Theaters, legitimate Theaters, motion picture, indoor Tile setting, masonry, plastering & stone work services Tires & inner tubes - wholesale Title abstracting services Tobacco & tobacco products wholesale Tot lot or play lot Tourist courts, hotels, & motels Travel arranging services

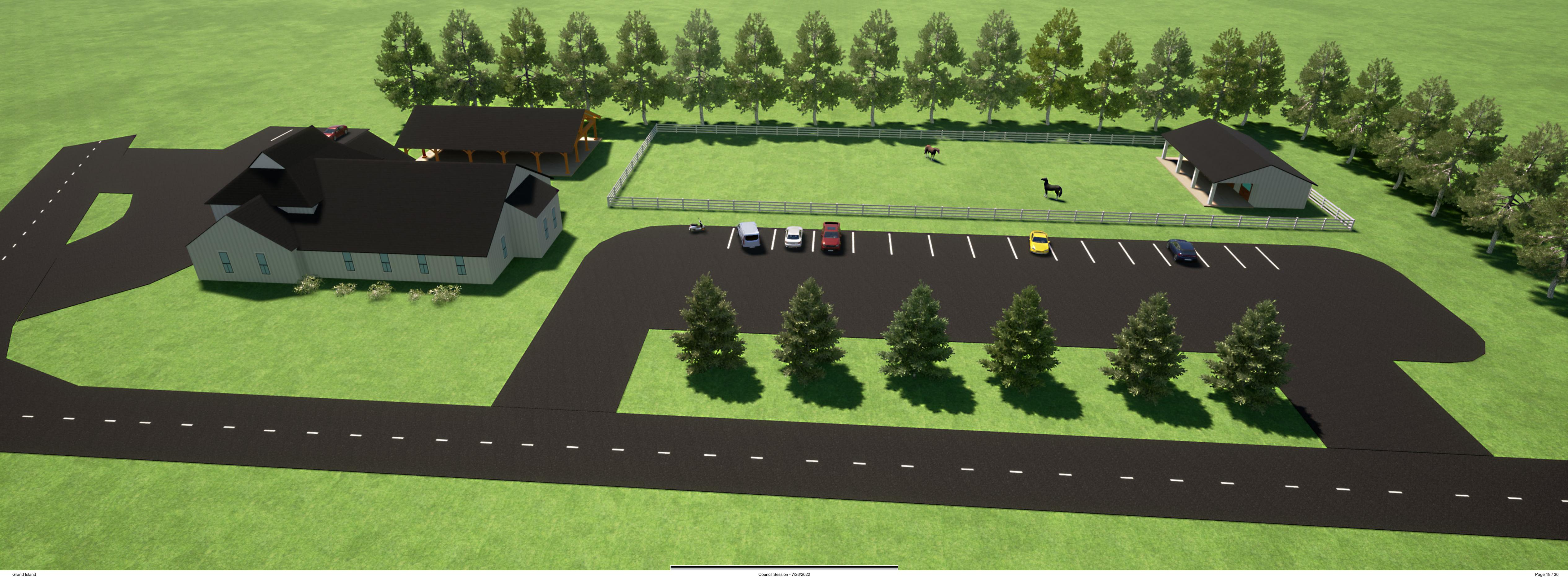
Truck & automobile rental services Utility substations, pumping station, water reservoir & telephone exchange Upholstery, draperies, & curtains retail Variety & discount stores - retail Vending machine operations - retail Veterinarian services Wallpaper, paint & glass - retail Warehousing & storage of household goods Watch, clock, & jewelry repair services Water well drilling services Welding & blacksmith services Welfare & charitable services Wine, beer, & alcoholic beverages wholesale Wool & mohair - wholesale

APPLICATION FOR REZONING OR ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE Regional Planning Commission
Check Appropriate Location: RPC Filing Fee
└ City of Grand Island and 2 mile zoning jurisdiction       (see reverse side)         ☐ Alda, Cairo, Doniphan, Wood River and 1 mile zoning jurisdiction       plus Municipal Fee*       \$50.00         ☐ Hall County       *applicable only in Alda, Doniphan, Wood River
A. Applicant/Registered Owner Information (please print):
Applicant Name Jose Ramirez Phone (h) 308 850-0464 (w)
Applicant Address 1104 N Gunbarrel Rd Grand Island NE, 68801
Registered Property Owner (if different from applicant)
Address Phone (h)(w)
B. Description of Land Subject of a Requested Zoning Change:
Property Address 4720 E Seedling Mile Rd
Legal Description: (provide copy of deed description of property)         Lot 1,2,3       Block
C. Requested Zoning Change:
1. Property Rezoning (yes ) (no) (provide a properly scaled map of property to be rezoned)
From LLR to B-2
2. Amendment to Specific Section/Text of Zoning Ordinance (yes) (nor) (describe nature of requested change to text of Zoning Ordinance)
D. Reasons in Support of Requested Rezoning or Zoning Ordinance Change:
Plan to restore the old Harmony Hall and re-open as a ballroom.
<ul> <li>NOTE: This application shall not be deemed complete unless the following is provided:</li> <li>1. Evidence that proper filing fee has been submitted.</li> <li>2. A properly scaled map of the property to be rezoned (if applicable), and copy of deed description.</li> </ul>
3. The names, addresses and locations of all property owners immediately adjacent to, or within, 300 feet of the perimeter of the property to be rezoned (if the property is bounded by a street, the 300 feet shall begin across the street from the property to be rezoned).
<ol> <li>Acknowledgement that the undersigned is/are the owner(s), or person authorized by the owner(s) of record title of any property which is requested to be rezoned:</li> </ol>
Signature of Owner or Authorized Person
Note: Please submit a copy of this application, all attachments plus any applicable municipal filing fee to the appropriate Municipal Clerk's Office. RPC filing fee must be submitted separately to the Hall County Treasurer's Office (unless application is in Grand Island or its 2 mile zoning jurisdiction, then the RPC filing fee must be submitted to the G.I. City Clerk's Office).
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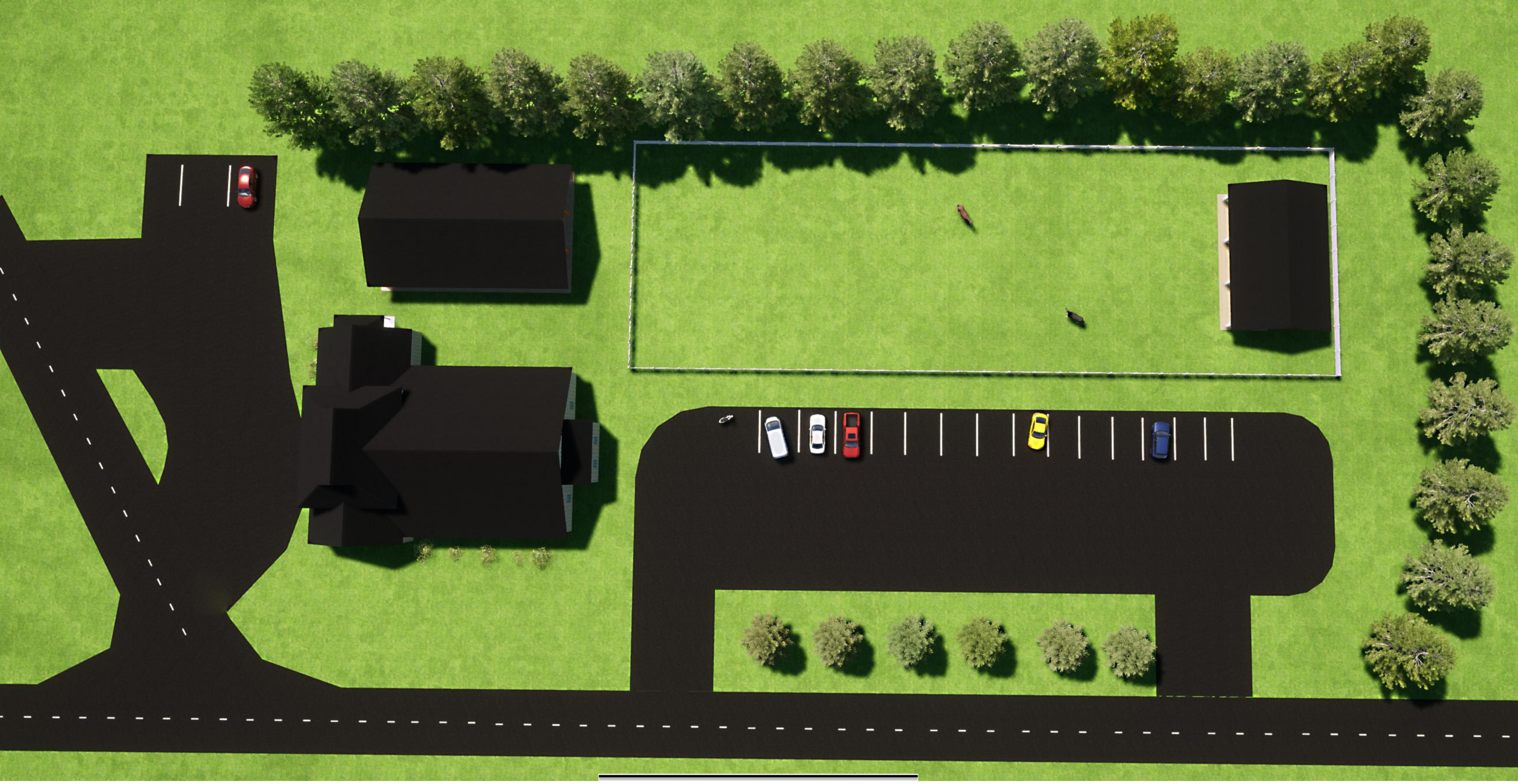












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То:	Chad Nabity
Subject:	Rezoning request concerns: Schaaf's Second Subdivision lots 1, 2, & 3

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Mr. Nabity,

My husband and I live at 632 N Gunbarrel Rd, Grand Island, NE 68801 with our 2 young daughters. We were notified last week that Mr. Jose Ramirez is asking for a tract of land consisting of all of lots 1, 2, 3 Schaaf's Second Subdivision, Hall County to be rezoned from large lot residential to general business zone.

My husband and I, as well as many other members of this small community to whom we have spoken, are strongly opposed to this rezoning request and ask that it be denied at the meeting scheduled for July 6th.

We have many concerns about the issues that may arise by changing those lots from residential to business, including an increase in noise, traffic, and potentially crime. We are a quiet neighborhood and we moved out to this rural neighborhood to be away from all of the things listed above. As it currently stands, the truck traffic from the sand plant on Gunbarrel Rd has increased exponentially in recent years and we often have both semi truck and car traffic that does not obey the posted speed limits and we are concerned that changing the lots mentioned will only increase these traffic issues further.

We are also curious as to Mr. Ramirez's intentions for the property, as he has told a few different versions of his plans to various people. One, was to make it an event venue again, another was to make it a bed and breakfast, and yet another rumor was that he was going to turn it into apartments. Any and all scenarios lead to even more questions and concerns related to sewer/septic - what are the requirements for business use, specifically his plans - will city sewer be routed out to the neighborhood and the residents be forced to pay for it due to the rezoning?

Lastly, there are concerns that rezoning those lots to business will open up the neighborhood to additional rezoning requests and reduce the rural atmosphere many of us moved to this area specifically to find.

Changing any of the lots in this area would have a negative impact on many homes in a variety of ways. We sincerely hope you take all of our concerns into consideration and deny Mr. Ramirez's rezoning request.

Thank you for your civil service to our community.

Sincerely, Alicia and Travis Wicht 632 N Gunbarrel Rd Grand Island, NE 68801 308-383-2581

#### Dear Council Member,

My name is Greg Erwin, I live at 545 N Gunbarrel Rd. Right across the street from the property Schaaf's Second Subdivision. The new owner of this property is trying to rezone it from LLR- Large Lot Residential Zone to B2- General Business Zone. The new owner of this property has stated that he would like to restore the existing building known as Harmony Hall and turn it into a reception hall. I have many concerns about rezoning this property.

It is my understanding that if this property is rezoned, and for whatever reason the current owner decides not to restore the existing building and follow through with his stated plan, it is possible for him to sell the property for other types of businesses such as convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, etc. to buy the property and become disruptive to this safe, quiet, residential community. Is that correct?

My 90- year- old mother and I moved to Grand Island from Phoenix 3 years ago to be closer to my daughter and her family. I plan to add on to my house in the near future and have my daughter, son in law and 3 young grandchildren living out here on my property. The reason I choose the area and the house I did was because after looking into all of the properties in this area, I found that there was no commercial zoning. The zoning in this area is all residential or transitional agricultural. Meaning that this area would be safest for my family, including my elderly mother and my young grandchildren. Rezoning this property to B2 gives me grave concerns due to the fact that rezoning this as a commercial property brings a large increase in traffic and people to the area. Making this a reception hall has a high potential for drunk driving in this quiet residential community. Also public intoxication, potential for the increased crime and violence that come along with the consumption of alcohol, loud music, bright lights, litter, livestock safety concerns, pollution to the Wood River, other environmental imbalance, and overall disturbance to the community and the people who choose this area to live because of the safe, and quiet residential zoning. Reception halls, public intoxication and other such activities coinciding with this type of business should be kept inside of city limits because of many safety concerns. One being that this property is on the county line of Hall and Merrick counties. If the authorities, and or first responders for any emergency situations have to be called and sent out, which county would respond?

I attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting on July 6, 2022 where the commission unanimously voted to recommend to the city council this property not be rezoned. The commission also stated is not in the city plans to rezone in this area. Also at this meeting, the current property owner mentioned an existing spot rezoning ½ a mile North on Gunbarrel rd. I was curious about that comment and called Chad Nabity and asked him about this. Chad stated that was incorrect; there is no spot zoning in the area currently. The property owner mentioned the occupancy would be 300 people; Chad informed me there would have to be 120 parking spots. That is a large increase in traffic and people. This will affect people and homes in the area for miles around the property. That also contributes a lot of rain and snow water run off to affect the houses all around the property, my property and the Wood River being the most affected. I have spoken with several of my neighbors and people living in this area who have all voiced the same concerns. Many of the current residents of this area do not want this property rezoned. Thank you for your time. I hope all of my concerns are taken very seriously and into account when making a decision in whether or not to rezone this property. Feel free to contact me at any time with any questions. Please confirm receiving this email.

-Greg Erwin

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From:	Greg Erwin <gpapa3@outlook.com></gpapa3@outlook.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:10 AM
То:	Chad Nabity
Subject:	Rezone Request; A tract of land consisting of all lots 1, 2, 3 Schaafs Subdivision, Hall
	County Nebraska, from LLR- Large Lot Residential Zone to B2- General Business Zone.
	The properties located west of Gunbarrel Road, North of Seedling Mile Road, (c-31-

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Greg Erwin, I live at 545 N Gunbarrel Rd. Right across the street from the property Schaaf's Second Subdivision. My family and I have concerns about rezoning this property from residential to commercial.

My mother and I moved to Grand Island from Phoenix almost 3 years ago to be closer to my daughter and her family. The reason I choose the area and the house I did was because after looking into all of the properties in this area, I found that they were all zoned as residential meaning that this area was safer for my family, including my elderly mother and my young grandchildren.

Rezoning this property to B2 gives me grave concerns due to the fact that rezoning this as a commercial property brings more traffic and people to the area. Making this a reception hall has a high potential for drunk driving in this quiet residential community, public intoxication, potential for increased crime and violence that come along with the consumption of alcohol, loud music, litter, livestock safety concerns, other environmental imbalance, and overall disturbance to the community and the people who choose this area to live because of the safe, and quiet residential zoning.

Public intoxication, reception halls, and other such activities coinciding with this type of business should be kept inside of city limits because of many safety concerns. One being that this property is on the county line of Hall and Merick counties. If the authorities, and or first responders for any emergency situations have to be called and sent out, I am concerned about the response times and which county would respond. Also, rezoning this property opens up the possibilities for other types of businesses such as convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, etc. to buy the property and become more disruptive to this safe, quiet, residential community.

I hope all of these concerns are taken into consideration when deciding whether to rezone this property and disrupt this residential community. Thank you for your time regarding this matter. Any further questions please feel free to contact me via email at GPapa3@gmail.com or by phone at (602)487-9933. If I do not answer, please leave a message.

--Greg Erwin

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We live at 4490 E Seedling Mile less than a half mile from Harmony Hall. Please vote against the rezoning. We have a quiet, rural community here and there is no reason to have a reception hall in the middle of my neighborhood that will be loud and busy every Saturday night. We have children that live and play in this area and Seedling Mile Road already have people that speed along it. This will be a problem situation from day one if this is rezoned. Thank you for listening.

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Just another quick note after reading the GI Independent this morning. According to Jose's facebook post this is suppose to be a grand event hall. The paper said this morning in his quote

"I have other plans for it if it doesn't go my way, but basically it would be just a bar, mostly Fridays and Saturdays, and outdoor activities." After a rezoning is granted, there is no control on what he can build there. Please be respectful of my quiet rural area of this city and deny his request for rezoning.